

Bar Hill News

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POST OFFICE / LIBRARY

As you know, we lost our Post Office in July 2005 and I am delighted to inform you that the new Post Office will open on 5th October 2006. It will be situated in the Library building. The opening hours for the Post Office will be the normal 9.00am - 5.30pm each day and Saturday mornings. Harry, the new Postmaster will be very pleased to welcome you there. A new Reference area is to be built into the library and this whole new project with the Post Office will make Bar Hill library one of great benefit to us all in the village and all surrounding villages and users of Bar Hill amenities. The library will, for the time being, continue to open during the same hours as at present (see page 2).

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON
SEPTEMBER 4TH, 5TH, 6TH & 11TH
TO ENABLE THE BUILDERS TO WORK***

**On behalf of residents, we welcome the Rev Ruth Adams
as Minister of Bar Hill Church**

The members of Bar Hill Church invite all to
the service of commissioning and installation
at 7.00pm on the evening of 14 September.

**Copy date for the next issue is 15th September
to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com
or see page 2 for other contact details**

Bar Hill Residents' Association

06/07 Committee

Chairman	Mr R Hall	780304	11 Almond Grove
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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

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Library Opening Times

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Thursday	10.00 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00
Friday	2.00 - 7.00
Saturday	9.30 - 1.00

Tel 0845 045 5225

Useful telephone numbers

BHN (Editor - Martin Avery)	781233
BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters)	201421
Church (office)	206120
Conservative Party (Iris Lay)	205265
Health Centre	780442
Liberal Democrat Party (Tom Flanagan)	780571
Library (Renewals & Enquiries 8am - 8pm)	0845 045 5225
Parish Council (Leigh Baffa)	780456
Police	0845 456 456 4
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Letters to the Editor



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Sir,

Many of you will be aware that the late bus from the city centre to Bar Hill has again been cancelled due to acts of vandalism, apparently carried out by people alighting at Bar Hill, but who do not live here.

Having spoken to the regional manager of the bus company involved, I have every sympathy with his position that the safety of his staff is paramount, but I cannot help feeling that Bar Hill residents are being punished for the acts of a few mindless vandals who seemingly live outside the village.

I would urge any residents who have used this service to lobby the county council to try to get the bus restored.

I would also urge anyone with information on the vandals to report it to the appropriate authorities. It is possible to do this anonymously via Crimestoppers.

The late bus is a vital service to those who wish to have a night out but who cannot, or do not wish to, drive or who find the cost of parking or taxis prohibitive. Let's get it back.

Paul Stimpson

Dear Editor

Prior to the building of the new Tesco store in Bar Hill, the Bar Hill Parish Council (BHPC), with agreement from the village, sold some land to Tesco for £1.3 million. This money, known as the Tesco Account, was held by BHPC on behalf of the village from which £760k was allocated to the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) for the refurbishment of the village hall. As part of this decision it was agreed that NO additional community charge payer money taken from precept or reserves would be used for the Village Hall refurbishment project. It now appears that the refurbishment project has a major cost over-run.

Recorded in the Minutes of the BHPC meeting, 15 June 2006, a proposal was passed to agree a loan of £30k to the VHMC, repayable over 5 years to help meet the cost of the over-run. My understanding is that this £30k loan will be INTEREST FREE. The loan money will

be taken from reserves built up by us, the community charge payers, and not from the Tesco Account.

Recorded in the same minutes, the Chair of the BHPC told the meeting that the Parish Council could take out a loan for the village green (drainage work?) I assume that commercial rates of interest would be paid on a loan for this work, which no doubt will be carried out within the next 5 years.

These decisions do not make financial sense and could be viewed as an inappropriate use of taxpayer's money.

I invite the BHPC Chair, Mrs M Sellars to explain these decisions in the next edition of the BHN and to answer the following questions:

- 1) Why cannot the VHMC take out a commercial loan to cover their cost over-run?
- 2) Why is the Parish Council offering the VHMC an interest free loan from community charge payers' money?
- 3) What collateral has been offered to the BHPC to guarantee this interest free loan in the event that the VHMC fails to meet its repayment schedule? NOTE, the village hall belongs to the Charities Commission and does NOT belong to the Parish Council or the Village.
- 4) Why is the BHPC considering taking out a loan paying commercial rates of interest for work on the village green yet in the same breath offering the VHMC a £30k interest free loan?

Yours faithfully

Michael Boughton-Fox

[I invited Margaret Sellars to respond in this edition, rather than waiting until next month. Editor]

Dear Editor

Thank you for giving me the right to reply to Michael Boughton-Fox's letter.

Michael used to be a Parish Councillor, but his memory on one or two issues has let him down. It was never agreed that no additional council tax money would be taken from precept or reserves for the Village Hall project. I have checked the minutes for that period, and I am unable to find any evidence to support Michael's assertion.

The comment which I made in the minutes of June 2006 about the Parish Council could take out a loan for work on the drainage to the village green was simply that: a statement of fact. Parish Councils are allowed to take up loans from

the Public Works Loan Board if they are faced with work for which it was impossible to budget. However, the Parish Council does not view favourably taking up a loan and prefers other ways of raising any money needed. Michael will remember the time when he wanted the Parish Council to take out a loan to build a replacement for the Barber's Shop. The Parish Council rejected that idea in favour of selling the car park which could not be used because travellers kept using it.

Before I answer the questions put by Michael to the Parish Council I think it might be helpful to give a little background to the overspend. Those of you who have been involved in the Village Hall project will know that it has been rather tortuous. Several organisations had input into it because it was hoped that by involving the people using the Village Hall it would be a building which people wanted to use. The Tesco £1.3 million was received in 1999 but it was not until 2005 that building finally commenced. The Parish Council set aside, in 2001, a sum of £750,000 (proposed by Michael) for the project but, as you will understand, by the time work commenced, the cost had risen considerably. In an attempt to bring the cost within the amount of money available, the contingency fund was cut, in the hope that it would not be needed. Regrettably it was needed, hence the £30,000 overspend.

The Management Committee came to see the Parish Council and explained the situation. A point had been reached where, if the money could not be guaranteed, work on the building would have to stop. The Parish Council discussed the matter at great length and felt that it would not be good for the village and the residents if the Village Hall were left in an unfinished state. The sooner it was finished the sooner revenue would be coming in.

The original £750,000 was an interest free loan to the Management Committee, repayable only if the Committee tries to turn the building into anything other than a Village Hall. The Parish Council's solicitors drew up an agreement to this effect because the Parish Council wanted to ensure, in effect, that the building always remains a Village Hall for the use of the residents. We have also entered into an agreement with the Management Committee regarding the second loan, the

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More Letters to the Editor



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difference being that this loan will be paid back over a period of 5 years. A clause is in the agreement to the effect that if the Management Committee defaults on repayment, the amount of the loan outstanding at that time is due immediately. I take it that Michael is not suggesting the Management Committee will renege on this agreement. The money has been taken from the reserves and it will go back into the reserves. The reserves do contain money left over from the budget each year (the council tax), but they also contain money from other sources which have not been paid by residents as council tax.

If the Management Committee had taken up a commercial loan it would have resulted in considerable pressure on them because they would have had to pay interest which they could not afford. The Management Committee has contributed towards the cost of the refurbishment, and has obtained grants from various places to help with the furnishings necessary. The Committee is working hard to obtain hirers so that revenue can begin to come in.

Some years ago I dealt in detail in the Bar Hill News about the way in which the Village Hall is owned. The Parish Council are custodian trustees of the land on which the Village Hall is built. The Charity Commission is involved because the Village Hall is a charity and is run by Trustees (the Management Committee) who are answerable to the Charity Commission.

The Parish Council accounts are always available for residents to see at the Office in the centre of the village. In the window is a list of all the projects on which the Tesco money has been spent. The accounts are audited each year, and our Clerk has been complimented upon the thoroughness with which the Council conducts its business.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council at the moment, and this will be advertised next month. I would urge any resident who is interested in working for the village to contact the Clerk. The Parish Council is a democratic organisation where all views are welcome, but the majority decision is final.

*Margaret Sellars
Chairman, Bar Hill Parish Council*

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Free Concessionary fares for over 60's go County Wide;

From 1st October, 2006 anybody over 60 will be able to travel free by bus anywhere in Cambridgeshire after 9:30 am provided that they have a pass. Travel for blind and partially sighted passengers will remain free at all times. This means that (South Cambridgeshire) residents will be able to travel into Cambridge City free of charge. All Park and Ride services will also be free. This is excellent news for all residents over 60.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor John Reynolds, Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services Said: "I would like to applaud the district and city council's and bus operators that have worked with us to introduce this new scheme. I been leading the fight for a better deal for pensioners and continuing to urge Government to implement a much better thought out national scheme in 2008. This Government scheme was ill conceived and has made many people worse off. Improving public transport is vital for Cambridgeshire's future prosperity and I am pleased we have all worked together to find a much better solution. We were very unhappy with the original scheme and went back to the bus operators and the other local authorities to negotiate a better one. The result we now have is an excellent example of what can be achieved when councils work together".

Concessionary fare passes can be obtained free of charge by contacting South Cambridgeshire District Council on 08450 450 500 and asking for an application form. Alternatively, passes can be obtained from your local post office, South Cambridgeshire's Offices at Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB3 6EA. or at Cambridge City Council, Hobson House, 44 St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AS. If you don't already have a photopass, you will need a passport sized photo.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

*John Reynolds
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The bi-monthly book sales held in the library will be suspended for a short period due to the impending changes that will shortly be taking place.

The Friends AGM will be held on September 26th at 7.00 pm. All friends are welcome. We would like to appoint a new chairperson and a new secretary. Please do come along and support your library.

On Wednesday October 11th at 7.30 pm Mike Petty from the Cambridgeshire Collection will be giving us a talk on the "Pickwick Papers". Tickets will be available from the library.

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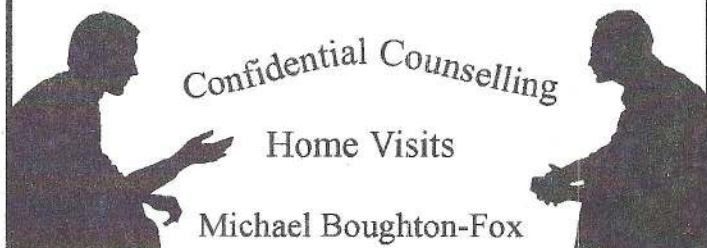
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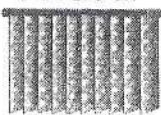
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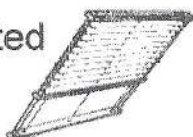
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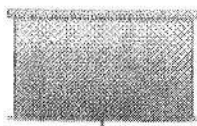
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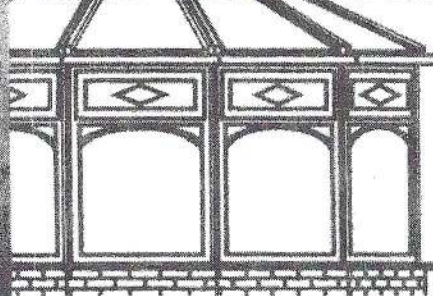
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21st CENTURY LIBRARY FOR CAMBRIDGE

Libraries in Cambridge are planning to extend their opening hours in preparation for the closure of Cambridge Central Library next year.

Earlier this year, Cambridgeshire County Council announced plans for a major redevelopment of the Central Library, promising some significant improvements for customers. Details of alternative services, for the period when work is in progress, are now being finalised.

In order for the library to undergo a complete remodelling and refurbishment, the building will be closed from January 2007 to Spring 2008. Cambridge is fortunate, however, to have a strong network of city libraries, many of which will see additional stock and extended opening hours - including some Sunday opening.

At present, the libraries being assessed

for expanded services are Milton Road, Rock Road, Arbury Court, Cherry Hinton and Bar Hill. Together with the extra investment in online services, these steps will ensure that a full range of lending, learning and information services and core local studies provision will be maintained for customers.

Work will start early in the new year on a complete refurbishment of the interior of the building in Lion Yard, which will create a new state of the art Library featuring:

- * New and improved stock
- * Enhanced IT and learning facilities
- * Large, bright children's area, and attractive teenage area
- * Comfortable seating and quiet study spaces with a fresher, well lit environment
- * Space for talks, exhibitions and events
- * Toilet and baby-change facilities

Cambridgeshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Community Learning and Adult Social Care Fred Yeulett, said: "We are delighted with this opportunity to transform Cambridge Central Library into a state-of-the-art library for the 21st century for the people of Cambridge and beyond.

The project will form an integral part of the Grand Arcade city centre retail development. Closing the library is the only way we can complete the refurbishment safely and efficiently. We realise that this will cause some inconvenience to regular users, but we were unable to find alternative premises in the city centre. However, other libraries in Cambridge are adjusting and extending their opening hours to meet demand."

For further information or to comment on the project call 0845 045 5225 or email new.centallibrary@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PENSION SERVICE NEWSFLASH

The Local Pension Service (LPS), part of the Government's Department of Work and Pensions, now offers persons over 60 years of age a full confidential benefit entitlement check in their own home. Our staff will quickly check entitlement to:

- * Winter Fuel Payments
- * Carer's Allowance
- * Attendance Allowance
- * Housing Benefit
- * Pension Credit
- * Council Tax Benefit
- * Social Fund
- * Bereavement Benefit
- * Age Related Payments
- * Support for dental treatment,
- * Disability Living Allowance
- * prescription charges, eyesight tests and other NHS costs.

I would like to share with you a couple of 'good news' stories, genuine cases where customers benefited considerably from a visit from the Pension Service:

Mrs F from March had never considered claiming Pension Credit as she had capital of more than £12,000. As a result of a benefit entitlement check by the LPS she was awarded Pension Credit of £68.40 per week and a backdated payment of £3647.20. She also gets full Council Tax Benefit entitlement as a 'knock on' from this award.

Mr and Mrs G from a Cambridgeshire village did not expect entitlement to any State Benefit as they had considerable capital and reasonable occupational pension in payment. In the course of the visit the LPS officer identified they both had personal care needs resulting from health problems. The non-taxable, non-means tested benefit known as Attendance Allowance was claimed with help from the LPS and resulted in an award of £62.25 per week to Mr G and a lower rate of £41.65 per week to Mrs G.

These customers would not have been aware of their likely entitlements without direct intervention from LPS and would have missed out on money that was rightfully theirs.

LPS are also able to signpost to other partner organisations for advice about wider ranging issues such as home maintenance, mobility, or safety and security.

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Bar Hill Art Group

Just over 2 years ago a group of people started to meet together to learn to paint, primarily with watercolours, most of us being absolute beginners. We meet together on a Wednesday afternoon in the church, helping and encouraging one another with tutors coming in occasionally. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming some new members over the past few months.

We will be holding an exhibition in the Octagon on **Friday 13 October at 7.30pm-9.00pm and Saturday 14 October 10.00am - 12 noon** of some of our paintings as well as those of our friends who attend other local art groups. There will also be a children's art corner.

We will also be hoping to raise some money for a charity called SURF which supports a number of projects in Rwanda helping survivors from the genocide in 1994 when almost a million people were massacred over a period of 3 months. Information on SURF and the work they are doing will be available at the exhibition.

We do hope you will be able to come along, either on Friday evening or Saturday morning to support us and also to help us raise some money for the people of Rwanda.

The entry fee is £2 (children free) and will include light refreshments and catalogue.

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Bar Hill Parish Council
 Parish Council Offices
 (Near the Health Centre and Octagon)
 **780456**
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Parish Council Web Site -
www.barhillpc.org.uk

This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 21st September at 7pm in the Parish Council Office. The Parish Council is in recess during the month of August but the Parish Clerk will still be working in the office, normal hours.

Leigh Baffa
 Parish Clerk

Tel: 01954 780456

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District Councillors' Reports

ILLEGAL FLY TIPPING

Clearing up illegally dumped waste costs South Cambridgeshire tax payers over £60,000 a year.

Problems caused by fly tipping, abandoned cars and graffiti are the focus of a new South Cambridgeshire District Council film. Commissioned with support from Cambridgeshire police and fire services, it highlights the issue of environmental crime in South Cambridgeshire. The film has been shown at the Grafton Centre and can also be viewed in South Cambs transport and streets section.

A current problem is people illegally dumping sacks of rubbish and recyclable material at recycling centres. Clearing fly tipping is a waste of tax payers' money and South Cambs will not hesitate to fine or even prosecute people who illegally dump waste in South Cambridgeshire. If you see a fly tip or know who has been fly tipping call 08450 450 063 - all information is treated in the strictest confidence.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Quality of life in South Cambridgeshire has been ranked as the tenth best in Great Britain in a new study from Halifax Home Insurance. The study ranked every local authority in Great Britain across a range of areas which influence residents' quality of life. These included employment, earnings, house prices, crime rates, health and education statistics and even the weather.

Councillor Dr David Bard, leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) said, "South Cambridgeshire is a vibrant district of 102 villages and I'm delighted that the good quality of life so evident in our communities has been recognised. SCDC works hard alongside our residents and local partners to maintain and improve the quality of life for our residents by delivering high quality services at one of the lowest council tax charges in the country. Higher house prices are one of the results of the economic success of this area. Increasing the supply of affordable housing is an SCDC priority, and we have a good record of enabling the construction of affordable homes - 291 were built last year - many of them for people with local connections."

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Efficiency savings

In 2004/05, four out of five councils spent more on services per head than South Cambridgeshire, and, in 2006/07 the Council set the ninth-lowest council tax precept in the country. At the same time, it received Beacon recognition for its achievement in waste management and recycling. The Council is now on course to meet or even exceed the efficiency savings that the Government has set for all authorities, which, in addition to those of £765,000 already achieved, further six-figure sums are required in future years. The Council is determined that these will be made in streamlining working practices, reaping the benefits of investment in IT in recent years and slimming down senior management rather than large increases in Council Tax. At its Annual Meeting, the Council agreed to a motion to reduce the number of Cabinet seats from eight to seven (another cost saving measure!), comprising five Conservatives and two Independents; eventually this will be reduced to six.

A Beacon Authority

South Cambridgeshire District Council has been awarded the prestigious Beacon status award for Waste and Recycling. 'This means that the Council is one of the best in the country and is now encouraged to share its experiences with other authorities so as to help to raise standards nationally.' Its achievements, in particular, have been:

- To improve village recycling banks
- To exceed recycling targets
- To obtain the involvement of the wider community

The Gambling Act 2005

During the last year, South Cambridgeshire District Council established itself at the forefront of councils considering applications for the alcohol and entertainment in accordance with the Licensing Act (2003), and the task of issuing these licences is almost complete. The Licensing Committee is now applying itself to considering applications under the Gambling Act (2005) - which includes all types of gaming machines - and has already compiled a Draft Policy. The public consultation will last until 29th September. Hopefully, this will be less taxing and controversial than the 2003 Licensing Act.

Roger Hall

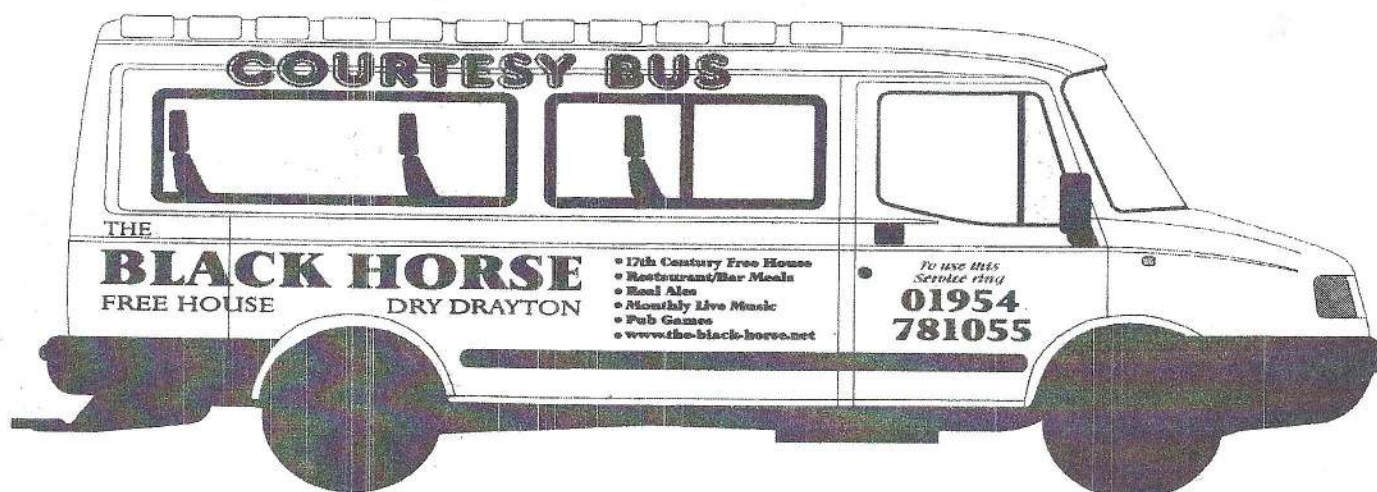


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Tuesday 9.00-11.30am 12.30-3.00pm
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Wednesday 9.00-11.30am 12.30-3.00pm
Thursday 9.30-11.30am Kidz AM
Friday 9.00-11.30am including P.E.

Lunch club available 11.30-12.30

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Children approaching their second birthday can come in for a taster session on Tuesday afternoons (1-2pm). Please phone for more details or see Belinda at Kidz AM.

KIDZ A.M.

Thursday 9.30-11.30am
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DIARY DATES

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6.15-7.15 for pre-school, reception, years 1 & 2 £1.50 includes drinks and biscuits
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Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two years. From the term after their 3rd birthday children are entitled to 5 free sessions per week.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidize or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns" weeks, which are very popular.

For more information/a prospectus/a registration form/a copy of our OFSTED report or to arrange a visit, please telephone Sally on 201074.

If you would like to arrange a visit please phone Acorns direct on 7851803083.

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Advice from a manufacturer of go-peds

Petrol Scooters -

They are for recreational use on private land only. Other sources might tell you the following: "If you want to drive them on the road, you will have to be over 16 years of age and hold a valid category P, A or B license. An excise license is required which will cost £15 and a registration mark will then be issued. Insurance and a crash helmet are required as is an MOT when the vehicle is 3 years old". This may well be legally correct, but in our experience finding an insurance company to provide insurance is impossible, so the statement above might be misleading. We therefore state that these petrol scooters should NOT be driven on the public highway or pavements. If you do so, you may well be breaking the law and may be prosecuted.

Electric Scooters -

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Distraction Burglaries

During the past week there has been a number of Distraction Burglaries on the Ely Sector whereby the offenders have been posing as Police Officers to gain admission to peoples homes. As I have said so many times they will use every pretext so be on your guard, and please remember to look out for the elderly and less able within our communities. The distraction method where offenders pose as police officers or staff and claim to be pursuing criminals is relatively uncommon in our area. Residents should refuse entry to any person purporting to be from the police unless valid photo identification can be produced.

Also from Central Division they have seen in recent weeks an increase in walk-in burglaries so please find listed some tips to safeguard your homes:-

To reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim, always:

- * Make sure you close and lock all doors and windows when you are out.
- * If you are in your back garden, make sure your front doors and windows are fully closed.
- * If you are going out in the evening, leave a light on both downstairs and upstairs.
- * Don't be distracted and allow someone in your house that you don't want.
- * Postcode your TV, video, hi-fi systems and other electrical items.
- * If you are going on holiday tell your next door neighbour or neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

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MOBILE PHONES

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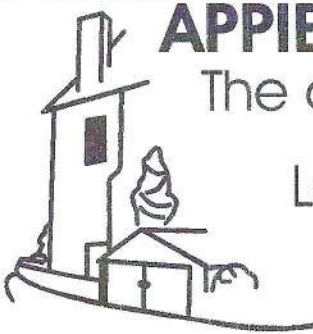
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During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc - as it is their Club, they even chose its name.

The children are given a snack e.g. pasta, filled pittas etc, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, which enables parents who are eligible for Working Families Tax Credit, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs.

We also accept vouchers from the many schemes where the childcare costs are taken out of parents wages before they pay tax or national insurance, which also saves money.

Session Times

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Bar Hill Pre-School



Where Learning is Fun!

During the Summer holidays we have moved back to the newly refurbished Village Hall. Our new rooms are bright and airy, and we now have a large fully enclosed garden. Thanks to a successful fundraising year, the Pre-School has purchased new equipment and resources for our new facilities.

We would like to thank Lin Whyte and everyone at the School for their help and assistance during the last year.

The aim of our Pre-School is to enhance the development of children aged 2 to 5 years placed in our care. Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED.

Our experienced, qualified Early Years staff team Sonya, Karen, Karen, Sarah, Jacqui and Emma supervise our sessions.

We offer your child

- A tailored Foundation Stage Curriculum, with the emphasis on "Learning through Play".
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- Our Key worker system enables our Early Years Team to meet the needs of each individual child.
- We recognize parents/carers are the first and most important educators of young children and liaise with them regularly.

Sessions Times

9.00 - 11.30 Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri

12.30 - 3.00 Tue

12.30 - 3.00 Fri (Rising 5's)

11.30 - 2.30 Lunch Club Mon-Fri

For more information about our sessions please contact Sarah on (01954) 781871 before 7pm weekdays or pop in to see us during our session times.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year of Pre-School education. The session offers children a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Early Years Funding

Under this scheme we can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Subsidised Places

We can also offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/ Working Tax Credit.

Places

To book sessions for your child please contact Sarah on (01954) 781871 before 7pm weekdays.

Play Tots Sessions

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday

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School PTA Events

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Forthcoming Events:-

Pop Quiz 7th October

Christmas Fayre 8th December

Look out for further details in next months Bar Hill News.



Happy Hours The recycled youth club

After a period of 12 months, it is now good to see that the rebuilding of the Village Hall is nearing completion. From the outside it appears to be a splendid building, and I am sure the inside will also reflect this. It is hoped that the Village Hall will be well used, and I would urge all of our members to support some of the many activities that will make use of this fine building. Many thanks to the Parish Council, the Residents' Association, and the many other people who have helped in making our Village Hall, a building to be proud of.

Raffle.

Our raffle held on Monday, 24th. July, raised the sum of £47-50, and together with a donation from our Club, we were able to donate a total of £60-00 to the Church Holiday Club, which helps so many of the youngsters of the village during the holiday season.

Outings.

On Wednesday 26th July, many of our members enjoyed a beautiful sunny day out at Gt. Yarmouth. Although it was a most enjoyable day, it was a little spoilt by the fact that we were held up by over one hour in both directions due to a van carrying gas cylinders having caught fire, thus closing the A14 in both directions for over 24 hours. We are thankful to our driver Tony, for doing his best under the adverse conditions. On Wednesday 16th. August, 34 of our members will be travelling to Peterborough where they will board a boat for a three hour cruise on the river Nene. A splendid lunch, together with drinks, will be served during the cruise.

Flu Jabs.

Nurses from the doctors' surgery will be attending the Club during the Autumn to give the usual Flu-jabs. Owing to some delay in obtaining the vaccine, I am unable to give the dates at present.

Attention!

If you speak some French and would enjoy speaking some simple French, just for fun, with others, please call 01954 789243

Competitions.

A full list of the competitions is now on view in the Club, and they will be played before the end of October. Unfortunately, owing to difficulty in setting up the table, no table tennis competition will be held this year.

Christmas Lunch.

This will be held on Monday 11th. December, at the Menzies Hotel in the rooms which we usually occupy. Names will be taken shortly.

Letter.

On Monday 14th. August, the Chairman, Sid Hunt, read a letter he had received from Mrs. Edna Goodman, thanking the Club and various members, for kind thoughts and messages she had received following the recent death of her husband, Ron Goodman, after a long illness. She hopes to rejoin the Club in the near future.

Sickness.

Betty Crombie has recently been recovering from a short spell in hospital, making good progress until a fall at the beginning of August. She is now on the mend, and hopes to be back with us in early September. Our thoughts are with her. I know of no other cases of illness at present.

Dennis Holt. 780948.

Bar Hill Sports and Social Club

Hi Everyone

Hope you are all having a great summer.

The new Club is progressing well and we hope to move in very soon.

As I write this article the Saturday club draw has not been won.

The draws for September will take place on Saturday 2nd, Saturday 16th, & Saturday 30th. Remember you must be in the club with your membership card at the time of the draw to win.

Bar Hill Sports & Social Club memberships 2006/07 will be available from August 1st. The price will be £5.00 and £1.00 for Senior Citizens. Join up early, as the price will increase to £8.00 from October 1st.

That's all for now.

Cheers Bill Proudfoot



Would you like to say "Thank you" to the Rosie Hospital?

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Other ways you can help the Rosie are:

- By donating time instead of money - as a driver for our elderly knitters in return for an enjoyable day and lunch - having a basket of our toys and clothes to sell on our behalf.
- By enjoying a drink with biscuits whilst awaiting your appointment at the Rosie.
- Buying one of our hand-made items (see our selection of hand-made toys and clothes up to age 4 at the Tea Bar in the Rosie Outpatients).
- By helping serve in the Tea Bar.
- Visiting our large stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, or one of our small displays in Addenbrooke's Food Court on the first Friday of every month, in the Breast Screening Clinic or Clinic 5 in Addenbrooke's, and at Hackers Farm Shop in Dry Drayton.
- By donating wool and other craft materials.

We have a stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients on 18th September, 18th October, 17th November, 18th December.

Avril and Jo would like to thank those friends that have already made a donation to our supplies, and we will continue to welcome donations of items for sale, wool and ribbons etc at 111 Hillcrest or 11 Almond Grove.

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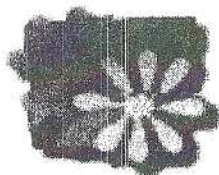
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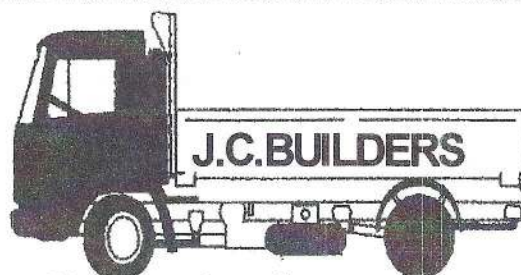


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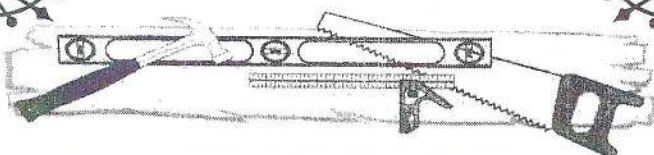
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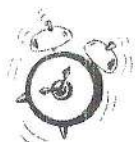
Judith full/part time 201919

Kirsten part time 200228

Debbie full/part time 201739

Carol Full/Part time 780238

Mandy Full/Part Time 204223



8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club has been running in the village for the past 30 years. We have a membership of approximately 30 women. We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month in the school at Bar Hill at 8 pm. We have speakers and demonstrations on various subjects, and we also organise outings. Because the school has only just opened after the summer holidays our first meeting of the new term (7th Sept) is a coffee and enrolment evening at 152 Hillcrest, from 8 pm. If you would like to join or come for a visit please give me a ring on 214171 or turn up at any of the meetings.

Barbara Page

The Trees Look Tired

*The trees look kind of tired;
Their leaves hang dark and dusty,
Their beauty past, their fresh green gone,
And they don't shine any more.*

*Those fresh green shoots that came in spring
And opened with leaves and flowers
I reckon they have done right well
all through the summer hours*

*But tired or no, the trees show sighs
Of fruit and berries they'll soon bear,
Now slowly growing ripe and fit
The crown the end of another year.*

Nick Richardson

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

For more information about anything mentioned please contact Sue Kenchington 780260.



Football Project

The pitch is being used regularly by the Colts and 5-a-side league. The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volleyball or multi sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about using the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis 201160.

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Childrens Activities at the Church

Power Pals and Pick 'n' Mix It

Saturday 7th October 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church

Power Pals is a fun way to learn about Jesus for those children who are in Reception, years 1 and 2. Cost £2.00.

For an application form please contact Mel Stamp on 203554.

Pick n Mix It is for children in years 3 to 6 and includes activities such as drama, dance, craft and art which are all based on a Bible story or theme and culminate in a short time of worship. Cost £2.00. For an application form please contact Claire Thorby on 781527.

The closing date for booking a place for both events is 2nd October. These events will link with the Connexions service at 6.00pm on Sunday 8th October.

Claire Thorby



Cricket Club

By the time you read this, the outcome of the first-team's promotion push will be known. At the time of writing, they were in second place in the league, after a month which saw two victories and one defeat.

The victories came against Longstowe, who conceded, and against Over, a match in which Scott Stanford hit 66 not out to take Bar Hill to a five-wicket win. Stanford and Craig Driver had earlier each taken three wickets to dismiss Over for 116.

The defeat was against leaders Needingworth, who dismissed Bar Hill for 128, Phil Pelling and David Rush both making 25. A good bowling performance brought Bar Hill back into contention, but they ultimately paid the price for not making enough runs as Needingworth won with four wickets to spare.

The second-team endured a difficult month, although the performances were better than results suggest.

Having been hit for 144 off just 65 balls by an opponent from St Ives, helping his team reach 300 for 7, Bar Hill responded with a respectable 179 for 5 thanks to Pete Howard's unbeaten 45 and Martin Haslop's 42.

Then, having dismissed Wimblington for 126 (Haslop 3 for 36), Bar Hill could only respond with 94, despite Tom Levitt hitting 41.

All other league games during the month were rained off, while only two friendlies were played because of the weather. The highlight was a tense 15-run win over the social club "Wrinklies" team. Craig Driver top-scored with 36 not out for Bar Hill, and Grant Hinchcliffe with 50 not out for the Wrinklies.

The other game resulted in a narrow 11-run defeat to the Globe, despite Neal Suckling taking 4 for 16 and Dave Cullum, Mark Thompson and Sam Wilson all scoring 30-odd.

The under-15s finished their season with a win and a defeat in their last two games. They beat Willingham by 66 runs thanks to impressive knocks of 53 from Richard Bragg and 49 from Olly Barnard, plus three wickets for Jack Sobey. The team lost their final league

game by 5 wickets to Over, despite Tom Leader's 27.

The end-of-season party and prize-giving is due to be held at the re-opened Village Hall on Saturday September 30. Tickets are now on sale – call me on the number below for further details. The annual meeting will follow shortly, on a date to be fixed. All members will be notified of this.

Look out also for a quiz night in the Sports & Social Club some time in the autumn.

Once again, thanks are due to the Sports and Social Club and Andy's Kars for their ongoing sponsorship.

If anyone would like more information on fixtures, membership, sponsorship or anything else to do with Bar Hill CC, please call me on the number below, or visit our website at barhillcricket.org.uk

Paul Stimpson
782475

Events at Milton Country Park

Friday 8 September

Cambridgeshire Bird Club
Black grouse bubbling on the moor by Julian Hughes. 8pm to 10pm at the visitor centre.

Friday 13 October

Cambridgeshire Bird Club
The fascinating challenge of wader identification by Don Taylor. 8pm to 10pm at the visitor centre.

Sunday 29 October

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Have you moved into Bar Hill over the summer?

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Plans will shortly be underway for next term's programmes. As the nights draw in the nature of the programme changes with more crafts and indoor activities. Do you have a particular craft you could help do with the girls – what about a hobby you could share? We are always on the lookout for fresh ideas.



Rainbows for girls between 5-7 years old.

Rainbows have enjoyed their first Rainbow Overnight which they really enjoyed. They have been learning new games and doing fun activities on their Rainbow Roundabouts



Brownies for girls between 7-10 years old.

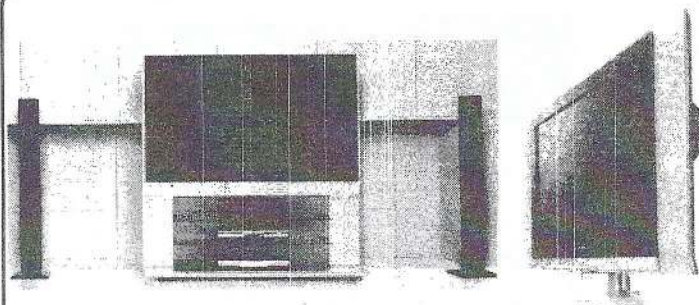
Brownies have enjoyed various activities over the past few months including going on Pack Holiday, a water fun evening, a cycle ride, picnics, swimming, crafts, football fun – the list goes on and on....1st Brownies have raised money for Guide Dogs for the

Blind – the money raised was given to 'Haze' when he visited the pack with his owners Mr and Mrs Reynolds. 2nd Brownies also provided a fantastic 'guard of honour' at the wedding of one of their guiders – it really helped to make the day so memorable and a big thank you goes to all those involved.

Guides for girls between 10-14 years old.

Guides is continuing to grow and offers all kinds of activities such as orienteering, swimming galas, camping as well as crafts and less adventurous activities. As the new term starts had a very successful end to the last term, with 1st place for Grace Plumb and Rebecca Romain in an orienteering event at Thetford Forest and a placing in a swimming gala in Ely. During the summer holidays, girls have spent a very successful week at CamJam (an international camp). As the autumn term starts we shall be continuing a variety of activities and events, including Mepal Outdoor Activities Camp in September, the Big Gig in October and Winter Camp at Gillwell Park in January!

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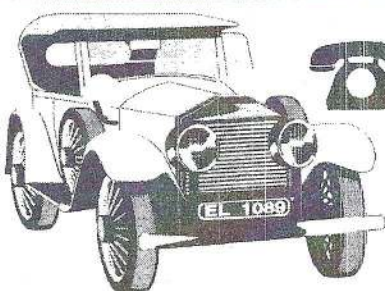
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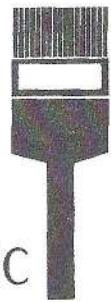
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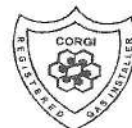
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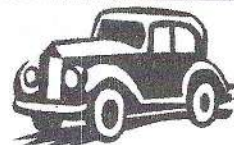
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What a dreadful summer we had with over two whole weeks with no football at all, so we haven't known what to do with all that time off. But thank goodness the

football season came round again, (just in the nick of time - I nearly had to decorate the house or go shopping!). Anyway the season is just starting out, so this is the ideal time for us to wish all boys and girls of Bar Hill Colts all the best for the season ahead. Over the coming months we hope to be able to bring you features on some of our teams, so that you can all be kept up to date with how each of our young teams are doing.

COMMITTEE

Our full committee list is published as always, so if you have any questions about Bar Hill Colts football club, please feel free to contact any of us at any time.

POSITION	PERSON	TEL
Chair:	Barry Dean	205670
Vice Chair:	Paul Gedny	201074
General Secretary:	Paul Neal	205076
Fixtures	Mark	01480
Secretary	Honeywood	830133
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin	781838
	Janette Barber	781533
Entertainments:	Michelle Davies	201246
	Rob Humphreys	781583
Publicity: Web	Kevin Salaman	201701
BHN	Barry Dean	205670
Parents Rep:	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Child Welfare:	Nigel Barber	781533

ENTERTAINMENTS

Make sure you keep an ear to the ground, and stay on the look-out over the coming months ahead, as a little bird tells me the entertainments committee have some great events planned including the ever popular disco/parties, among a whole host of forthcoming attractions, culminating in our fantastic end of season presentation evening. We will of course let you know as soon as we can about the events, but don't miss out on having a great time at one of the legendary Colts events.



WEBSITE

The website is now fully up-to-date with news of all the teams, and just about anything going on within the colts and Adult football teams, so why not go 'online' and check out 'www.barhillcolts.org.uk'. You can even download the Colts pages from previous editions of the Bar Hill News.

BAR HILL F.C.

As the new season gets under way, one of the most pleasing things for all of us linked with football in our village, is the number of our colts team players who have stepped up to join the Adults team. Some of those who are now 'old' pros originally started off playing junior football in the village. (I personally have been to see a few of the pre-season friendlies, and watched some of the newest lads taking their first steps in the adult game). Hopefully these boys will share in the continued success of the last few years, in which Bar Hill has become one of the most respected teams in Cambridgeshire. We continue to run three adult teams. The **1st team** playing top flight Sunday league football. The **Reserve Team**, are looking to move on following last seasons promotion, like the 'A'-Team, who also won promotion last season. If you are interested in joining our successful club, please contact either of the people listed below.

Bar Hill F.C.	
Adult Paul Prime	203175
Adult John Houston	200951

CHARTER STANDARD

Every month we state that Bar Hill Colts is a "Charter Standard Club", but I wondered how many of you knew what this meant. Well hopefully I can enlighten you a little. In order to achieve the award, all coaches have to pass the Football Association's level 1 coaching course, which gives them a solid grounding in not only coaching the children, but also emergency first aid, and child protection issues. On the Child protection matter, all coaches, assistants, or anyone who helps coach the boys and girls must be checked via the Criminal Records Bureau, to ensure the safety of the children in our care. The award means that you can be assured that the children in our club are well cared for by people who have been comprehensively trained.



Please note: The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of Bar Hill Colts F.C., or Bar Hill F.C. Don't forget to visit our Website for all the latest news on the clubs.
www.barhillcolts.org.uk

COMMUNITY CLUB

Further to the charter standard we, in association with the Adult Club have also been awarded the community club award as we strive to unite all our football efforts with the community at large. This award is given only to clubs that look after football at all ages within their community.

MANAGERS

At the time of writing, we are still looking for someone who would like to take charge of the next generation of Bar Hill Superstars (alternatively known as Bar Hill Colts Under 7 Team). If you are interested in helping out, then please do call any of us, and we will give you all the help and support you need. If you are interested in joining any of the teams, then please contact the appropriate manager, or if you are unsure which team, then call any of the committee.

AGE	MANAGER	TEL
U7	??????	
U8	Steve Andrews	789778
U9	Rob Humphreys	781583
U10	Darryn Cook	203576
U11	Tony Virgo	782619
U11 Girls	Vicky Neal	205076
	Linda Ogilvie	202568
U12	Kevin Salaman	201701
U13	Mark Hart	200314
U14	Jairo Marin	781838
U14 Girls	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U16	Nigel Barber	781533

Well that's me just about finished for another month, but I do hope that you all get an opportunity to go down to the village green on a Saturday, or Sunday morning to cheer on our boys and girls. This month's wise words: Football is more than just a kick in the grass!

B. J. Barber



Charter Standard Community Award

BAR HILL PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP



Bar Hill Parent and Toddler group is a welcoming and friendly group set up to provide play and socialising for children 0-4 years of age. A committee of volunteer parents runs the group. We meet in the Octagon every Wednesday and Friday morning between 9.45am-11.15am. Each session is run by a session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts, puzzles, imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys. We provide refreshments and the opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child, £1.00 per sibling and up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder.

Summer play dates

The Toddler group are running summer play sessions throughout August; the sessions will run every Wednesday and Friday morning.

Party Time Friday the 1st September

The toddler group are hosting a party on the 1st September to celebrate the last session of the summer holidays. Come along and have some fun on the bouncy castle.

October term photographs

A photographer will be coming to the toddler group in the October half term. Dates and times will be published in the next edition of the Bar Hill News.

Urgent help needed

The toddler group is a great way to meet other parents, socialise and generally have fun. However, the group is run by volunteer parents and we desperately need new volunteers to become committee members. To discuss how you can support the Toddler group please contact Yvonne, (01954) 200783.

I hope you are all having a good summer

Yvonne



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National Women's Register could be just what you are looking for! Join our group and find, new friends, fresh interests and take part in lively conversations. NWR is very informal with no agendas or minutes. You will receive a warm welcome.

The group normally meets on alternate Thursdays, usually in a member's home. The cost of a meeting is only £1.00, which includes refreshments.

7th September: Discussion on health tourism – would you do this and if so why? At: Brenda's

21st September: Tourism and its effects (research bank video) At: Jackie's

5th October: Planning meeting - with breads and cheeses of the world to stimulate your ideas. At: Bobby's

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Post Offices may also be found in many other nearby villages including **Oakington, Coton, Impington, Willingham, Comberton, Cottenham** and **Fenstanton**.

This information is believed to be correct, but if you wish to check any of this information or obtain details of services available at these and other branches please call **08457 223344**.

Editor

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Church Services

Sun 3 rd	10.00 am Morning Worship & Family Communion	Preacher: Rev Anthony Howells
	6.30 pm Informal Worship	Leader: Mrs Julie Gawthrop
Sun 10 th	8.00 am Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev. Barry Vendy
	10.00 am Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev. John Proctor
	6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Leader: Mrs Di Gunton
Thurs 14 th	7.00 pm Licensing and Installation of the Rev Ruth Adams	Rt. Rev. John Inge Bishop of Huntingdon
Sun 17 th	10.00 am Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev. Ruth Adams
	6.30 pm Youth Service	Leaders: Mrs Heather Smethurst & the Church Youth
Sun 24 th	10.00 am Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service with Uniformed Groups	Preacher: Rev. Ruth Adams
	6.30 pm Evening Worship	Preacher: Rev. Ruth Adams
Wed 27 th	10.00 am Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev. Ruth Adams

The Licensing and Installation of the Rev Ruth Adams as Minister of Bar Hill Church

The commissioning service for the Rev. Ruth Adams will take place at 7.00pm on the evening of 14 September. All are invited to join us for the service and in welcoming Ruth to our church and village.

Corporate Prayer Times

There is an opportunity to join together for corporate prayer on Sunday mornings from 9.00am to 9.45am before the morning service, and between 5.00pm and 6.00pm before the evening service. There is also the opportunity on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.00pm.

People to contact:

Church Administrator Mrs Claire Thorby
Tel/Fax: 01954 206120

Church Council	Richard Lewney	Tel: 01954 204433
Church Council	Malcolm Cox	Tel: 01954 200268
Church Council	Claire Ford	Tel: 01954 780964
Church Council	Sue Hilson	Tel: 01954 780890
Church Council	Anne Tanner	Tel: 01954 200957
Moderator	Rev. John Proctor	Tel: 01223 741092

A date for your diary: next year's Church Holiday Club will take place from 30th July until 3rd August 2007!

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	01223 350787
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	201421

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month And Next

(See p29 for Church Services)

Sept

Thu 7 th	8.00pm	8 o'clock club (Enrolment)	152 Hillcrest
Thu 7 th	8.00pm	NWR Health Tourism	Tel 201269
Wed 13 th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	Parish Council Office
Sat 16 th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club
Thu 21 st	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council Office
Thu 21 st	8.00pm	NWR Tourism and its effects	Tel 201269
Fri 29 th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 29 th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Sat 30 th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club

Oct

Thu 5 th	8.00pm	8 o'clock club	School
Thu 5 th	8.00pm	NWR Planning Meeting	Tel 201269
Sat 7 th	Evening	PTA Pop Quiz	School
Fri 13 th	7.30pm-9pm	Art Group Exhibition	Octagon
Sat 14 th	10am-noon	Art Group Exhibition	Octagon

Bin Collection Dates

September

- 6 Green bin and box
- 13 Black bin
- 20 Green bin and box
- 27 Black bin

October

- 4 Green bin and box
- 11 Black bin
- 18 Green bin and box
- 25 Black bin

Bar Hill Babysitting Circle

Fancy the odd evening out?
Find it difficult to get a babysitter?
We are a group of Mums, run for Mums, operating a ticket payment system to swap evenings out. If you have time to offer to sit back for another parent, then this number is for you! Ring Avril on 782431 for details.

Crossword

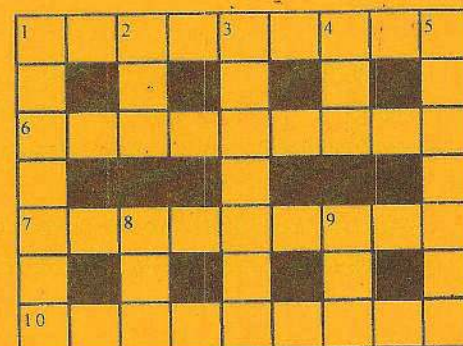
Just for fun. Answers next issue.

Across.

1. Find the livers here.
6. Famous runner.
7. Prepare sword for use.
10. Safety in church.

Down:

1. What Hercules performed.
2. French wine.
3. Clothing.
4. Not in.
5. Crime.
8. Shining newspaper.
9. PM's beverage.



August Crossword Solution

1	S	E	A	S	H	E	L	L	S
2	I	S	O	U	A				
3	R	E	S	O	U	N	D	E	D
4	J			B					I
5	O	S	C	U	L	A	T	E	S
6	H	A	O	U	T				
7	N	O	M	I	N	A	T	E	S

The 8 o'clock club are raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance

The members of the 8 o'clock club are raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

We are collecting old mobile phones, foreign coins, used postage stamps and printer cartridges.

These items can be used to raise much needed funds to keep the helicopter in operation. If you have any items you would like to donate please leave them at The Parish Council offices or bring them to my house at 152 Hillcrest.

Many thanks
Barbara Page 204171

Residents' Association



Meetings

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are now normally held on the second **Wednesday** of the month at the Parish Offices. The next meeting is on 13th September at 8pm.

Coffee and Kids

Run by Bar Hill Childminders

On Thursday at the meeting room at the church 10.00 - 11.30. £1.50 for adults no charge for children. Price includes drinks & biscuits. We have a large range of indoor and outside toys.